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SUBJECT: ANAND MARG MEMBERS FACE TRIALS

REF: A. NEW DELHI 10638 B. STATE 211895

1. ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, THE GOI'S CENTRAL BUREAU

OF INVESTIGATION (CBI) HAS CHARGED FIVE ANAND MARGIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARCH 20 ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF CHIEF JUSTICE A.N. RAY. THE REPORTS CITE CBI CLAIMS THAT IT HAS SEIZED "CERTAIN" LETTERS" ESTABLISHING (A) MARG COMPLICITY IN THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND (B) MARG SUPPORT FOR THE J.P. NARAYAN MOVEMENT.

2. WE ARE POUCHING TO NEA/INS, COPIES OF ARTICLES THAT HAVE APPEARED IN THE LEFTIST PUBLICATIONS BLITZ, NEW AGE AND SECULAR DEMOCRACY LINKING THE MARG'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE RAY ASSASSINATION WITH ALLEGED U.S. SUPPORT TO THE MARG. TO DATE, HOWEVER, THE LEFTIST PRESS HAS UNCHARACTERISTICALLY EXERTED LITTLE EFFORT TO HIGHLIGHT A U.S. CONNECTION.

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3. RE REFTEL B PARA 2: A RECENT PTI STORY STATED THAT THE PATNA HIGH COURT REMANDED SARKAR'S CASE TO A SPECIAL MAGISTRATE FOR FURTHER INQUIRY ON AUGUST 22. THE PRESS ACCOUNT HELD THAT THE ACTION WAS TAKEN AFTER AN APPEAL BY SARKAR'S LAWYER. THOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE A DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO BEGIN THE TRIAL SEPTEMBER 9, WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN ANYTHING TO CONFIRM THIS.
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